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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Decision on Appeal mailed July 31, 2009 ("Decision"). Applicants especially appreciate the reversal of the previous rejections. The Decision, however, issues a new ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. (Decision, page 7). In particular, Claims 24 – 35 and 45 - 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the description of the computer readable storage medium in the Specification states that the computer readable storage medium may comprise transmission media. (Decision, page 7). To advance prosecution and to facilitate an early allowance of the present application, Applicants have amended the Specification as indicated above to remove the reference to the computer readable medium comprising transmission media. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 24 – 35 and 45 - 48 qualify as statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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